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## UCC - Alberta Provincial Council September 1, 2019 - August 31, 2020

### Rural Food Drive

2020 Ukrainian Canadian Congress Alberta Provincial Council took the leadership to host two Food Bank Drive (April 11 and May 9, 2020) for rural communities in Alberta to help support during the COVID19 pandemic. The Edmonton Ukrainian community organizations and individuals came out very strong and raised almost \$6 000 in support of rural Alberta food banks! This generosity inspired local communities to raise an additional \$2 500. With help from local Ukrainian organizations and many humble individuals, UCC-APC gathered and delivered almost 2 000 kg of food!

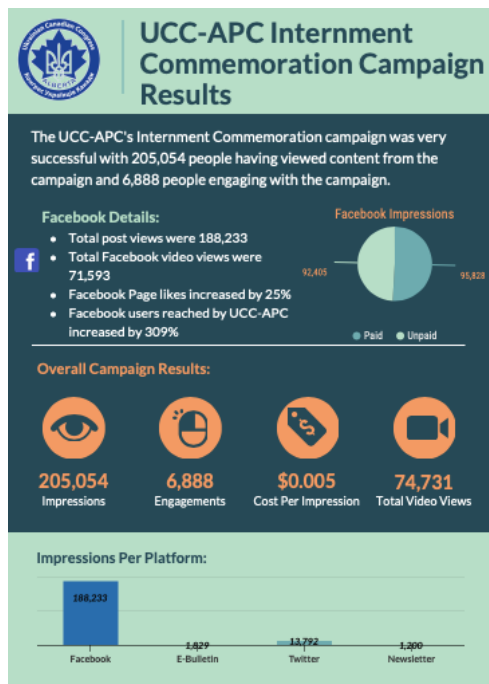
UCC-APC organized the first food drive for the Lamont County Food Bank and food support office in the Town of Bruderheim. This success resulted in the 600 kg donation of food items to the local offices. UCC-APC donated \$500 to the Town of Two Hills' society that provided grocery vouchers to those who are in need of assistance.

The second food drive supported the needs of the food banks in Vegreville, Smoky Lake, St. Paul and Edmonton. This tremendous contribution to the towns was welcomed with joy and excitement. With the support and encouragement from UCC-APC, each town organized its own food drive initiative. Vegreville food drive was led by UCC-APC board member

Natalia Toroshenko

and Vegreville Academy of Ukrainian Dance. Their local Food Bank was overwhelmed with the food donation of 900 kg and monetary contributions from the residents of over \$1 000! Edmonton Food Bank received close to 300 kg of food and a \$1 000 donation from UCC-APC member-organization Edmonton Catholic Schools Ukrainian Bilingual Parent Advisory Society (UBPAS). Smoky Lake food drive was supported by Holubka Dancers and resulted in about 350 kg food donation! St. Paul's food drive initiative was spearheaded by the local Ukrainian leader Amil Shapka. He encouraged other Ukrainian organizations to support their effort. Altogether St. Paul Food Bank received close to 400 kg of food and a monetary donation of \$1 250.

UCC-APC is forever grateful for the support of every individual who came out on April 11th and May 9th to show their support and care for the rural Alberta towns that hold such deep Ukrainian roots.



### Internment 100

From June 1st to June 20th, 2020, UCC-APC commemorated the centenary anniversary of the end of Ukrainian Canadian internment.



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This tribute of informational and poetic videos and written work posted over social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, UCC-ACP website and printed newsletter demonstrated the stories of victims and their families. Their lives' events are exhibited through the works of artists, researchers, historians, politicians, and others who have continued to stress the importance of acknowledgment of the WWI Internment Operations in Canada.

The UCC-APC social media campaign far exceeded the goal of community engagement. Internment 100 posts reached over 205,000 people. Big success was attributed to the professionalism and dedication of the Committee that put together well-researched information. Our project contributors made the videos more engaging and diverse. With information being indefinitely available on the UCC-APC website, Facebook and YouTube, individuals will keep discovering the details of this historic tragedy.

## **COVID19 Community Outreach**

### *Summer 2020*

UCC-APC delivered Canada Day Care Packages to seniors in Alberta's rural communities, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. MLA Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk informed UCC-APC of various grants designed to support communities throughout Alberta during these unprecedented times. UCC-APC was successful with a grant from Family and Community Support Service with the City of Edmonton.

With our grant funds received we supported different demographic groups. 140 packages were distributed to independent care lodges in the towns of Andrew, Chipman, Bruderheim, Lamont, and Mundare. The Canada Day Care Packages contained cloth face masks, a bilingual information sheet which simplified face mask protocols, hand sanitizer, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, lip balm, tissues, tea, Canada Day crossword puzzle, pencil and greeting card. We had the opportunity to give care packages to the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate. The Sisters have supported the Ukrainian immigrant community by providing a hospital, an orphanage, as well as care to those in need. It was our chance to show that we appreciate their contribution and are thinking of them! In speaking with the staff, we learned how the pandemic has impacted the lives of the seniors. In these uncertain times, they have found joy in the little things.

We prepared 200 children's creative kits – that included various items to stay engaged (pencils, paints, paper, seed paper, balloons, yarn and threads, colouring sheet and activity sheet, word search, bubbles, and candy. The kits went to the food banks in Lamont, Manville, St. Paul and Vegreville community organizations.



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## Fall 2020

UCC-APC secured a Government of Canada Community Emergency Response grant from Red Cross to complete another community outreach project for various demographic groups. We will be delivering 300 more seniors' hygiene kits, 300 children's creative boxes and a series of skills development webinars for adults. The webinars focus on developing or honing digital skills during pandemic with hope to secure employment. The topics span from computer, MS Office and Google Suite use to presentations from different colleges on post-secondary options and labour laws in Alberta. The grant also included \$6 000 projects for UBPAS and Ridna Shkola/Kursy to purchase reusable masks and other PPEs for children.

## Ukrainian Days Festival 2020

Our Festival spanned over 9 days bringing together many people in showcasing all things Ukrainian in Alberta. Over 203 000 people were reached during our festival, with 58 000 watching full length videos and 10 000 engagements (Engaged Users: The number of unique people who engaged in certain ways with a post, for example by commenting on, liking or sharing). Over 130 people presented or were presented

during the festival. We tried to include many of our member-organizations during this festival. Special member-spotlight videos featured a short clip about each organization. We are happy to engage with the community during the busy summer months.



Some of the highlights of the program were:

- **ART** – exclusive interviews with artists (pottery, traditional jewelry, embroidery) and an original paint night masterclass.
- **PERFORMANCE** – masterclasses of different styles of Ukrainian dance and a live feature of solo dance performances; international Ukrainian hour; exclusive performance of Ukrainian band Shpyliasti Kobzari and musical performances from the groups across the province.
- **COOKING** – a masterclass led by a renowned local Ukrainian baker Natalia Shevchenko with a live Q&A session; various tutorials for Ukrainian cooking.
- **ROOTS** – a unique series featuring the art of homesteading (covering foraging, beekeeping, ironsmith); original videos and interviews with outstanding Ukrainian individuals in Alberta and 15 member-organizations videos! Three interactive children's storytelling videos with Ed Stelmach, Oleksandr Danyleiko and Olia Myc.
- **ДЕНЬ НЕЗАЛЕЖНОСТІ** – videos about Ukraine's independence, local vocal and musical talents performing modern content.

Full digital content is available on our website <https://uccab.ca/uadays-2020-online/>. UCC-APC was able to raise funds through sponsorship and advertisement. We will continue to use the videos created during Ukrainian Days as they will remain relevant for many years.

## UCAMA Project: Save The Archives and Collections

In response to the released news (June 2020) by the Ukrainian Canadian Archives and Museum's (UCAMA), that its assets are now in the possession of UMC Financial Management Inc. and are at risk of going to auction, the Ukrainian Canadian Congress - Alberta Provincial Council established an ad-hoc committee





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for the purpose of saving the UCAMA archives and artifacts. We believed that these items were donated to UCAMA in good faith for the preservation of the history of the Ukrainian Canadian community in Alberta, and that they should remain within the community.

We are grateful for all donations from organizations and individuals who believed in the success of this project. In addition, UCC-APC's commitment was for the archives and collections to be completely dismantled and the project to end October 30th, 2020. We are happy to report that the project is now 75% complete. The artifacts will remain in the community museums and will be accessible to everyone.

## Ukrainian-Canadian Heritage Day

On September 7, 1891, two adventurers from present-day Western Ukraine disembarked at Halifax, Nova Scotia onto Canadian soil, which set off the officially recorded presence of people of Ukrainian descent in Canada. They were looking for a better life that was being advertised by pro-Canadian interests throughout Europe.

On September 7, 2020 we celebrate 129 years of Ukrainian settlement in Alberta! What an achievement! Ukrainians have called Canada home – and have brought knowledge, expertise, experiences to so many levels of the cultural, political, social and economic life of our country.

UCC-APC celebrated Ukrainian-Canadian Heritage Day in Alberta with the auto-rally and the raising of the Ukrainian flag. Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women, Hon. Leela Sharon Aheer brought greetings from the Government of Alberta. Consul General of Ukraine in Edmonton, Oleksandr Danyleiko welcomed the visitors with a special “pryvit” from Ukraine. Our UCC-APC President Orysia Boychuk thanked the community for sharing the celebration today. MLA for Fort-Saskatchewan and Vegreville, Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk shared her personal family story of what that meant to be raised in the Ukrainian family.



We look forward to celebrating 130th anniversary in 2021.

## Hetman Awards

This year's Hetman Awards was held differently. In response to the pandemic the decision was made to not host an annual banquet. The recipients received their awards in a private setting (limiting the number of people in the same room) and combination of various interviews and videos made up an outstanding Hetman Awards Show that premiered online on October 24, 2020.

We had an opportunity to witness Marko Levytsky receive a Cross of Ivan Mazepa from his Excellency Andriy Shevchenko, Ambassador of Ukraine to Canada. We also welcomed a special guest and key-note speaker Consul General Oleksandr Danyleiko.

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Hetman 2020 recipients are

**Hetman Adult Leadership:**

Slava Yopyk  
Lidia Wasylyn  
Marko Kopinec  
Oksana Dawid  
Borys Sydoruk



**Exemplary Volunteer:**

Svitlana Kadziela  
Cheryl Semeniuk

**Professional Leadership:**

Olenka Bilash  
Shane Gibson

The 2020 Hetman Awards Show can be viewed here [shorturl.at/nIZ49](https://shorturl.at/nIZ49)



In conclusion, UCC - Alberta had a productive year despite the pandemic. We were able to keep the organization active and relevant during these uncertain times. We marked important events and continued to engage with our members. We are happy to report that we are adapting and adopting new practices to keep serving our community here in Alberta.

We are very grateful for all of our member-organization. You make our hromada stronger and give us the inspiration to move forward! Thank you!

Orysia Boychuk,  
President



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## UCC - Edmonton Branch



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First of all, UCC-Edmonton would like to give a huge THANK YOU to Executive members for their volunteer hours in our organization, and to all member organizations and volunteers for their great work during the last year.

We would like to highlight the following annual activities and new projects under the UCC Edmonton umbrella:

In March, Edmonton's Ukrainian community celebrated the 206-Anniversary of the birth of Taras Shevchenko. This yearly event is a joint project between UCC Edmonton and the Ukrainian Music Society of Alberta.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, most of our events were either postponed or were held online. One of them was "Internment 100". Together with UCC-APC and UCC-Calgary we remembered the 100th Anniversary of the official end of Canada's First National Internment Operation 1914-1920.

This year Ukraine Pavilion participated in online Edmonton Heritage Festival where we successfully represented 3 aspects of the Ukrainian culture: Arts and Culture, Entertainment and Cuisine. We are deeply grateful to all those volunteers who came out in various capacities to make this year a reality. In addition, we would like to thank the many organizations who financially contributed to the event. Your support helped us deliver a world class event.

UCC Edmonton and UCC APC combined its efforts and joined the Ukrainian Independence Day celebration and the Ukrainian Day celebration. With a great effort of volunteers and staff members, our online event had a great success.

We are currently underway planning our upcoming Annual Holodomor Commemoration.

Best regards,  
Anastasiya Khoma





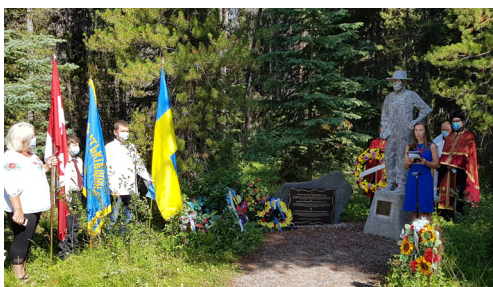
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## UCC - Calgary Branch

Past year between October 2019 - October 2020 marks an important transition period for UCC Calgary. On October 10th, the UCC Calgary Interim Steering Committee was established to oversee the transition process and operations. UCC Calgary became incorporated as a society in the Province of Alberta under the Societies Act on February 19, 2020. On March 4, 2020 UCC Calgary held an organizational meeting to discuss next steps for implementing the approved bylaws. Due to COVID-19 lockdown, the full transition to a new governance structure under the bylaws to ensure a wide representation of our community organizations in the new Board and Executive, and thus in UCC Calgary operations and its strategic development, has been moved to Fall 2020. The first AGM is now scheduled for December 2nd, 2020. In addition to this important organizational work, UCC Calgary led a number of key events in our community during past 12 months:

- UCC Calgary organized the Holodomor commemoration 2019, which featured Premier Kenney as a keynote speaker and raised \$450 in cash donations and 110 lb of food for the Calgary Food Bank.
- Together with support from UCPBA Calgary, Echoes of Ukraine, St. Vlad's, UCC Calgary co-organized the XXIII Calgary Annual Ukrainian Carol Festival hosted by the St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Sobor.
- UCC Calgary in partnership with the League of Ukrainian Canadian Women, Calgary Branch and the Immigrant Services Calgary organized a free information session about ISC Language Assessment Centre (ILVARC) government-funded programs for newcomers.
- UCC Calgary led the Annual Shevchenko Concert, which was held on March 9, 2020. The concert took place at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church Hall and was a great success.



- UCC Calgary mobilized the community to join #VyshyvankaCanada2020 and the Canada-wide virtual map.

- In June 2020, UCC Calgary organized the virtual fundraiser for the Calgary Food Bank dedicated to commemoration of Internment 100: "Remember Canada WWI Internment. Пам'ятаємо. Допомогаємо". An incredible \$2,490 was raised to provide much needed food on a table of many Calgarians in need during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- UCC Calgary organized by invite only ceremony on August 12, 2020 to mark the 25th anniversary of the placement of the Castle Mountain Internment statue and bronze plaque in the Banff National Park.

- UCC Calgary organized the Auto Rally of Unity to mark the 29th Anniversary of Ukraine's Independence in a safe way.

- UCC Calgary delivered remarks and raised the flag together with Hon. Minister Jason Copping to mark the Ukrainian Canadian Heritage Day in Alberta.



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Alberta Council for the Ukrainian Arts (ACUA) is proud to report another very successful year offering a wide variety of quality programming and services. Due to COVID-19 regulations, ACUA has had to make changes and adaptations to programming. In early Spring, programming had to be postponed or cancelled and our office was closed to the public. This, however, did not stop the productivity at ACUA and afforded us the opportunity to develop and build an Online Store. A number of other significant projects, including the 2800 square foot expansion, were also completed during this time.

In May, ACUA re-opened for business with restrictions. In September, we resumed programming, such as our, Signature Artists Series, Workshop Series, and Harvest Market, with restrictions. ACUA is proud to announce that in conjunction with our Culinary Arts Workshop series, we have started to carry a number of culinary items including kitchen tools and food items in our boutique.

The Board of Directors would like to extend a special thank you to our professional team including Robin McHugh, Borys Tarasenko, Elena Scharabun, Leda Tarnawsky, and Elyse Dzeniuk. We would also like to thank all of the dedicated volunteers and members who continue to make ACUA a success.

Being a provincial organization, the ACUA board recognizes the need to increase the number of Regional Representatives and ensure that Ukrainian art and culture is celebrated across Alberta. ACUA continues to seek out new representation across the province and works with our current representatives to bring initiative and projects to their communities. We are proud to have regional representatives in Lethbridge, Calgary, Grande Prairie, Jasper, Vegreville, Andrew, Bonnyville, and Carvel.

The Board of Directors would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of the community for the overwhelming support of ACUA. We look forward to an exciting 2021.

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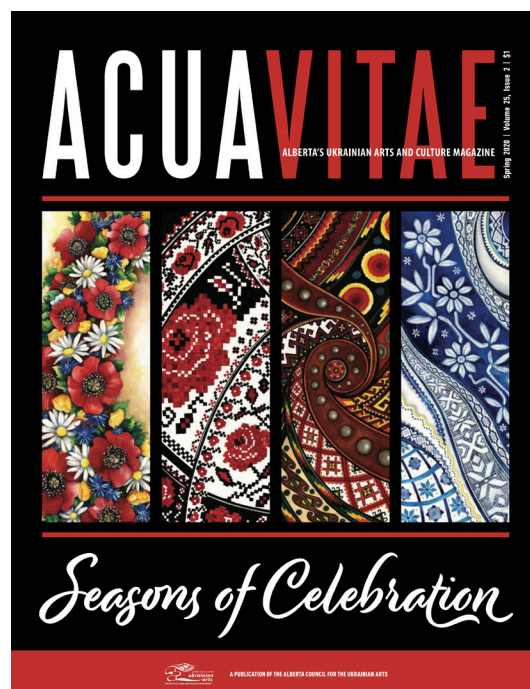
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## Alberta Foundation for Ukrainian Education Society (AFUES)

Через те, що наша організація підтримує україномовну освіту, я хочу привітати всіх вас тут саме українською мовою. Цей рік був надзвичайно активним і плідним для нашої організації і нам вдалося дуже багато зробити для розвитку української мови.

Alberta Foundation for Ukrainian Education Society “supports the development of Ukrainian language education in order to foster and promote positive social and cultural identity within Canada’s diverse mosaic.” This was a very busy year for AFUES and during this time, our organization has continued making strong strides in fulfilling our mission.

At our 2020 AGM, we elected the following AFUES Board: President – Vlodko Boychuk, Vice-President – Semen Kostyuk, Treasurer – Ihor Kryś, Secretary – Nataliya Nayavko, Past President - Marco Levytsky, Directors - Olena Hartsula (Membership Portfolio) and Alla Nedashkivska (Scholarships Portfolio), Member-at-Large - Ilija Simcisin.

Some of AFUES accomplishments during 2019-2020 reporting period include:

1. This year AFUES has funded different areas of Ukrainian language education: from Saturday Heritage Schools, such as Ridna Shkola and Kursy Ukrayinoznavstva to Ukrainian Bilingual Programs and post-secondary Ukrainian education.
2. AFUES continued providing Ukrainian Language Scholarships for the University of Alberta undergraduate Ukrainian language courses.
3. Just like we do it every year, AFUES was a co-sponsor of the 2020 Annual Shevchenko Lecture with Senator Raynell Andreychuk.
4. AFUES representatives had a meeting with Bishop David Motiuk and his Religious Education team, who provided us with positive feedback about our latest Ukrainian Religion resources for Gr. 1 Ukrainian Bilingual students. As you know, a number of year ago AFUES commissioned Ukrainian language developers from Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU) who used Alberta Program of Studies for teaching Religion in Ukrainian, and developed modern, digital and attractive materials for Gr. 1 Ukrainian Bilingual students.
5. Due to lack of funds and interest in using these as primary learning resources, AFUES has made a decision not to continue working on this Ukrainian language project. Now interested parties can obtain it directly from the School of Ukrainian Language and Culture at Ukrainian Catholic University.
6. Our organization successfully hosted AFUES Casino in October, 2020. Thank you to many of our members and supporters for donating their time and expertise to run this successful fundraising event. Special thank you to Olena Hartsula for coordinating volunteers for this casino.

На закінчення, я хочу ще раз щиро подякувати всім членам Ради Директорів нашої організації за їхню величезну працю для розвитку та поширення україномовної освіти не тільки в Альберті, але також в Канаді.

Submitted by Vlodko Boychuk, AFUES President



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AUDA continues to support the 62 schools across the province where nearly 4,000 children, teens and adults participate in Ukrainian dance enriching the cultural life of our communities.

**COVID Response:** The impacts of COVID were felt across all our member organizations, as dance schools and ensembles were forced to cancel lessons, workshops, concerts, tours, and fundraising activities. As some schools have returned

were supported over the summer to approximately 60 participants.

July 6 to 10 – Shumka for Me

July 13 to August 21 – Cheremosh Summer Camps

August 10 to September 3 – Regions of Ukraine presented by Vykrutas

**Music Resources:** Beginning in 2016, AUDA undertook an initiative to source newly recorded Ukrainian heritage folk dance music as a resource for dance schools from composers in both Canada and Ukraine. AUDA added an additional 6 pieces this last year, for a total of 62 newly recorded music pieces posted on our website and available for free download by our membership.

**Promotional Activities:** AUDA supported 35 Ukrainian dance performances by 11 different groups at community events to an estimated audience of nearly 30,000 people as part of the AUDA Promotional Activities Initiative to Increase Participation and Awareness of Ukrainian Dance in Alberta – Celebrating 125 Years of Ukrainian Immigration.

**NEW AUDA Internment Commemoration Initiative:** To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of Canada's first national internment operations, AUDA is pleased to undertake a 2-year commitment to provide a total of 5 community development incentives, up to a maximum amount of \$1,000 each, to our member Ukrainian Dance Schools and Dance Groups in Alberta to support Internment Commemoration new dance works, dance work revivals, cultural, and community awareness projects.

Emily Belke,  
President



to offering lessons with social distancing measures in place, the complete impact of COVID is still unknown. Many families have chosen to isolate their families at home and not register for this dance year.

As part of our commitment to be responsive to the changing needs of the Ukrainian Dance community, AUDA took the following measures to adapt our programming:

- New AUDA Summer Digital Workshop Program was developed, committing to provide up to 20 member organizations, \$150 per organization to support online options for dance camps and dance workshops over the summer months.
- A special summer intake of our AUDA Community Ukrainian Dance Workshop Program was announced, offering an honorarium of \$1000 in return for member organizations to organize and host workshops
- The maximum level of support for the AUDA Promotional Activities program was increased from \$450 per group this dance season to \$900 per group

In addition to the program changes, AUDA also hosted ZOOM conferences with member instructors and organizations to discuss and share best practices in online instruction and dance school reopening.

**AUDA Instructor Volyn Masterclass:** In association with Ukrainian Dance Instructor Conference (UDIC), AUDA presented an Instructors Volyn Masterclass on November 15 and 16, 2019 at the Tryzub studios in Calgary. Yaroslav Smyrnov from Lutsk, Ukraine presented on the ethnography, costuming, and lexicon from the Volyn region of Ukraine. 24 Instructors participated from Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Utah USA.

**New Digital Workshop Program:** 3 workshops



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# Конгрес Українців Канади Провінційна Рада Альберти

Річний Звіт  
2019-20

## Alberta Ukrainian Self-Reliance League Союз Українців Самостійників В Альберті

Our current organization members of AUSRL are comprised of Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada – Alberta Provincial (UWAC-ABE), Canadian Ukrainian Youth Association-Ukrainian Orthodox Youth (CYMK-UOY Alberta), Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association (TYC) Edmonton / Calgary, Ukrainian Museum of Canada – Alberta Branch, and St. John's Institute. One key component of AUSRL mandate is to recognise students in post-secondary studies and their leadership contributions to CYMK-UOY in Alberta. This year with COVID-19 Restriction, we have not met since June, 2020 to set our AGM 2020 date.

Our funding supports for the 2019-2020 year have extended to Camp Bar-V-Nok Summer Program, Ukrainian Museum of Canada – Alberta Branch, Alberta Provincial CYMK-UOY, Western Eparchy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, St. Nicholas Ukrainian Orthodox Parish, Red Deer, and St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, Edmonton (towards purchase of a video streaming equipment for livestreaming liturgies) We are able to support the programs within Alberta through our casino funds raised by our community.

As President of AUSRL, I have been active in the CYC –National Board, being one of the provincial CYC representatives, as well as the Vice President on our National USRL-CYC Board. Throughout the year I have participate in almost all CYC-NEC Conference Calls, convened on a monthly basis. At our 2019 USRL-CYC National Biennial Convention, a new structure for our National Organization was passed, which essentially eliminated the Men's Association, USRA-TYC at the National and Provincial level. These USRA-TYC branches are now part of branches of USRL-CYC across the country. This CYC Restructuring, looked at streamlining our organizations to better meet the community needs. At the provincial level AUSRL is a member of Alberta Ukrainian Canadian Congress and have participated in provincial meetings and the AGM. As part of the Restructuring of CYC – we will remain an active service organization, continuing with our financial supports to our Ukrainian Orthodox and CYC family of organizations. The 2019 AUSRL Annual Convention was held on the weekend of October 4 - 5 2018 at St. John's



Cultural Centre in Edmonton. The focus of this convention was looking at Archives – preservation and maintaining. As our church moved to celebrate its Centenary – we felt the workshop theme was appropriate as many of our

organizations are looking at best practices to store and preserve their organizational history. The Archives Workshop was facilitated by Maryna Chernyavska, Archivist, University of Alberta, Kule Centre.

Our 2019 AUSRL Convention was held at Camp Bar-V-Nok at Pigeon Lake, Alberta. It was held in conjunction with Camp Barvok Society in hosting the Orthodox Family Retreat, looking at Living Our Faith Together.

As with many of our Ukrainian community organizations, we are looking at ways to support our community during these COVID-19 restrictions on gatherings, but still to allow programming to continue within our greater Ukrainian Canadian community. Our main fundraiser, our AGLC Casino was postponed from June, 2020 to November 4-5, 2020, due to these COVID-19 restrictions. Thank you to our community volunteers for their support of this fundraiser activity.

Our 2020 Annual General Meeting will occur prior to December 31, 2020 so we can hold this meeting, establish our operating board, and recognize our 2020 CYMK-Ukrainian Orthodox Youth Leadership Bursary recipients. With the sale of St. John's Institute on Whyte Avenue this past summer, we have moved our mailing address to an Edmonton Postal Office Box, to allow us to receive mail uninterrupted. Since March, 2020 meetings have been held virtually using the National USRL-CYC Google for Non-Profits MEET account.



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Respectfully submitted,  
Dennis Kuchta, President,  
AUSRL 2019-2020



## Bishop Budka Charitable Society



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The mission of the Bishop Budka Charitable Society is:

- To carry out projects and programs of national and international assistance, development, and emergency relief.
- To foster an awareness of our global community through education, individual and personal involvement.
- To promote, encourage, and assist national and international aid and development.
- To collect, raise and distribute funds to support the aid and development

Over the course of the past year the Bishop Budka Charitable Society continued to fulfill its mission by holding monthly meetings, reviewing many requests for funding, and disbursing funds to assist communities overseas and nationally until the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a result of the COVID-19 situation, the Bishop Budka Charitable Society was unable to hold its AGM as it usually does in the month of June.



Highlights of the year include the completion of the Association for the Treatment of Alcoholism and Chemical Dependency project in Brazil, which received support from the Bishop Budka Charitable Society, and the latter's co-sponsorship of a project to assemble, install, and operate a children's playground located at Boiarka, Kyiv Oblast, Ukraine. The Bishop Budka Charitable Society also provided assistance to such organizations as the Ukrainian Catholic Education Foundation.



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## Canada Ukraine Development Association - Alberta Ukraine Chamber of Commerce

While writing last year's report and building plans for the upcoming year, none of us could have predicted this year's events even in our wildest dreams. The year has indeed been as challenging as it has been fruitful and opportune.

AUCC/CUDA has successfully rebranded in 2019 and was busy building its recognition and value to its members throughout 2019-2020. We have established presence in Western Ukraine by opening an AUCC Office in Ivano-Frankivsk. In addition, AUCC has become an official representative of the Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce in Central and Western provinces of Canada. The Agreement was signed in November 2019.

Our on-line presence was enhanced by the launch of the new web-site (businessUA.ca) and social medial pages on Facebook and LinkedIn. The new reality has also forced us to revisit the format of AUCC events for the short run – we're now holding our events either fully on-line or in a "hybrid" mode (on- and off-line), combined.

### Year's Activities:

Pre-quarantine, AUCC has held and/or took part in the following events:

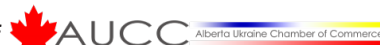
- Networking Evening with Kenneth Cantor (Primavera Development Group) – October 2019
- Oil and Gas Expo in Kyiv, Ukraine – November 2018
- Evening with the House Speaker Hon. Nathan Cooper and His Excellency Consul General Oleksander Danyleiko – December 2019
- NaftoGaz/UGV Visit to Calgary and meetings with prospective partners – January 2020

During the COVID times the following events have added to our year:

- Webinar on Government support programs with Servus Credit Union – April 2020
- Speaking at the Web-conference on Implications of the Global Pandemic on Ukraine's economy – April 2020 (hosted by CIUS)
- Virtual Ukraine Energy Day – October 2020
- Signing of twinning between Smoky Lake (AB) and Kosiv (Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast).

Respectfully yours,

Vitaliy Milentyev, President  
CUDA/AUCC



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# Ukrainian Canadian Congress Alberta Provincial Council

## Edmonton Catholic Schools Ukrainian Bilingual Parent Advisory Society (UBPAS)



### Board of Directors:

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Andrea Kopylech

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#### School

#### Representatives:

##### St. Martin:

Michelle Lea-Wilson

Yuliia Marcinkoski

##### St. Matthew:

Collin Elkow

##### St. Brendan:

Andrea Kopylech

Austin O'Brien

Heather Petryga

**Mission:** to promote, advocate, and support the Edmonton Catholic Schools Ukrainian Bilingual Program (UBP) so as to sustain the highest quality of academic, bilingual, cultural, and religious learning opportunities and resources for all students.

**For over 45 years the Edmonton Catholic Schools Ukrainian Bilingual Program remains strong. Enrollment (K-Gr. 12) For the 2019-2020 year...630 students (St. Matthew -196; St. Martin – 244; St. Brendan – 115; Austin O'Brien-75).**

**Highlights of 2019-20 and events sponsored by Edmonton Catholic Schools Ukrainian Bilingual Parent Advisory Society (UBPAS):**  
**AGM, Scholarship Presentation and Appreciation Evening (October 3, 2019):** -Presentations included scholarships to recipients in Grades 4-12...over 30 awards were given out in several categories. Special presentation was made to Daria Porochinyuk, high school teacher in the UB at AOB, retiring after 35 years with the program...this in itself was a VERY BIG milestone, of the Ukrainian Bilingual program.

When the program was extended to high school at AOB, she was the first high school teacher to teach in the UB.

- We also held our AGM and elections for a new Board of Directors, with Marian Butz-Gauk, continuing as President of UBPAS
- **November 2019:** Ukrainian picture dictionaries were presented to Grade 2 students at St. Martin and at St. Matthew.

\*\*\***Due to the COVID-19** pandemic, a number of farewell physical events were cancelled, with included the annual Grade 12 Matura. The Grade 6 farewells for both St. Martin and St. Matthew were celebrated with a virtual event in June 2020, which included an online liturgy and a pre-recorded video message to the Grade 6 students from Marian Butz-Gauk on behalf of UBPAS.

### Marketing and Advertising 2019-2020:

Marketing and advertising for the Edmonton Catholic Schools Ukrainian Bilingual Program continued to be a joint venture with the UBPAS, the school administrations, and Edmonton Catholic School District. The marketing plan included the following initiatives, all coordinated by ECSD, and funded jointly by the Ukrainian Bilingual Parent Advisory Society and our partner organization, UBLA (Ukrainian Bilingual Language Association):

- **Fall 2019** – launched new ad design for UBPAS and the Ukrainian program, which included advertising material like handbills and a pull up banner, along with opening up a Facebook page for UBPAS.
- **Retail media ads** to advertise open houses for each

school, along with **bus shelter ads** **summer of 2020, and face book ads**

- **Other advertising implemented: newspapers, newsletters, special feature publications and programs** within the local community (e.g., ACUA Vitae Magazine, UCC-APC Ukrainian Day Souvenir booklet, etc.

**Financial Support...** due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, which resulted in the schools shutting down mid March 2020 and programming going virtual, many of the sponsored events from March to June 30, 2020 ...like the cultural activities and field trips were cancelled. The Society continues to provide funding to each school for the Ukrainian bilingual program, to support and/or subsidize:

- Classroom/library resource materials
- School cultural activities, celebrations, and special projects (e.g., the Artist-in-Residence program)
- Field trips and student retreats, and related transportation costs
- Scholarship Program for 12, Academic Achievement awards for Grade 4-9
- Recognition program..includes farewell gifts for Grades 6 & 9 (Icon and rushnyk) and for Grade 12 (UBPAS Tryzub Logo gold pendant)
- Marketing and advertising

**Committees we are a part of....our Society and the Ukrainian Bilingual Program is represented on various other committees and organizations, for eg:**

- Member of UBLA (Ukrainian Bilingual Language Association)
- UPAC (Ukrainian/Polish Admin Committee)
- member of UCC-APC (Ukrainian Canadian Congress-AB Provincial Council)
- Education committee with UCC-APC and at the University Level with ULEC
- UCC-APC Hetman Award Committee
- ULECON (Ukrainian Language Education Consortium, which includes Admin Ukrainian Language reps from AB Education, Sherwood Park, Vegreville, ULEC, Edmonton Catholic

### Goals for 2020-2021 - Review & update

- To improve communication with our parents, teachers, administrators, and key stakeholders
- To continue our work with the UBLA (Ukrainian Bilingual Language Association of Alberta) organization to coordinate funding support for Ukrainian language education programs in Alberta;
- Build and expand our partnerships with other Ukrainian stakeholder organizations, in particular UBLA, AFUES, ULEC,
- UCC-APC and ACUA, to support Ukrainian language education programs in Alberta

Respectfully submitted,  
Marian Butz-Gauk, ECS UBPAS President





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## Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society

The Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society (FOUVS) is a not-for-profit charitable organization formed in 1984. The Society plans and executes educational and cultural programming, which advances an appreciation of the Ukrainian Cultural heritage within East Central Alberta. It operates essential services at the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village which is located east of Edmonton, such as food services, gift shop, and the Historical Children's Program. The society also raises funds to ensure that the UCHV can complete its mandate.

### ACTIVITIES OVER THE PAST YEAR:

The **HISTORICAL CHILDREN'S PROGRAM** created **HCPTV** ..... whereby through a combination of printouts and interactive instructional YouTube videos, children learned about the history, life and culture of Ukrainian settlers in East Central Alberta from 1891 to 1930, all while having a fun camp experience right in their own homes! 15 episodes included fire-making, making nalysnyky, learning the hopak, and much much more!

The Historical Children's Program also ventured out to do some socially distant crafts and activities in a local park at Lamont and Vegeville. Participation was well received!

The **GIFT SHOP** was redesigned to provide a Covid friendly shopping experience, with plenty of room to gander about! The consignment program is no longer being offered, so therefore the Friends Society owns all product displayed in the shop!

**KALYNA KITCHEN** provided visitors with tasty meals and snacks. Its services are also being extended into off-season retail sales, available via [kalynakitchen@gmail.com](mailto:kalynakitchen@gmail.com) or 780-662-3855 ext 1160

### THE FUTURE

The Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society has a bright future as it develops new initiatives to attract more Board Members, increase membership and volunteers. The Society will continue to strive to provide quality ancillary services at the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village and will persevere to raise funds for the continued completion and long-term sustainment of the museum. We look forward to working with UCC-APC on various projects and facilitating with Ukrainian Day again.

We wish the UCC-APC and all its members the very best in the upcoming year!



#### **Board of Directors:**

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Lydia Migus:

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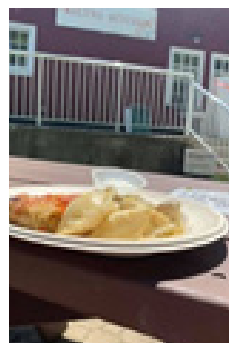
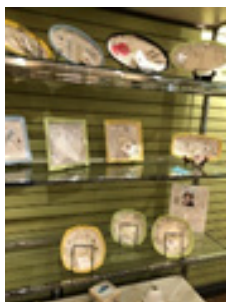
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# Ukrainian Canadian Congress Alberta Provincial Council

## St. John's Institute



St. John's Institute  
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**1918:** St. John's Institute opens its doors to 35 student residents as Mykhailo Hrushevsky Ukrainian Institute in a rented space in downtown Edmonton.

**1919:** Amalgamates with Taras Shevchenko Institute in Vegreville and purchases two buildings on 98 St. & 106 Ave.

**1949:** Purchases building on 82 Ave., in the University of Alberta neighbourhood. Renames the Institute after its patron St. John Chrysostom, a 4th C. philosopher and Archbishop of Constantinople.

**1958:** Cornerstone of new building blessed by Most Reverend Metropolitan Ilarion.

**1960:** New wing of SJI opened, with residence capacity of 75 students, apartment for rectors, dining hall, library, and chapel.

**2009:** Closed for interior renovation and addition of two stories.

**2011:** Reopened to residents, students and others, as an affordable housing initiative.

**2020:** SJI building and land at 11024-82 Ave. sold to Alignvest; two empty lots on 83rd Ave. sold to the City of Edmonton.

And so, St. John's Institute is looking forward to a new phase in its 102-year history. SJI continues to own property on Pigeon Lake, known as Camp Bar-V-Nok, and supports the work of the Bar-V-Nok Society which manages the Retreat & Conference Centre. Also, profits from the sale of property will benefit the St. John's Institute Foundation, which will continue to develop and support Ukrainian educational projects in the spirit of Orthodoxy.

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## Ukrainian Canadian Social Services

### **UCSS objects:**

To provide assistance and moral support to the needy community members in problems not covered by existing social services.

During the reported period UCSS has continued to provide its services to the community. Our office has been opened to the public and served needy community members that required help not available at main stream organizations. The services were available to all community members and have not been based on membership. All provided services were free of charge. UCSS services are confidential and client's personal information are not provided to other institutions. The office staff worked under the management and directions of the Board of Directors.

### **Immigration/Settlement:**

The office continued to work on immigration and settlement programs and during the reported period dealt mostly with temporary foreign workers and their families, who have already been in Canada for several years. The majority of them finalized their immigration processes and now they are entitled to apply for various governmental programs for newcomers and Canadian citizenship. A number of temporary residents was in the final stage of their immigration processes and they needed some assistance with their applications. Due to the economic downturn Alberta accepted significantly less temporary workers. It had a huge impact on the number of temporary workers and prospective immigrants from Ukraine and other Eastern European countries to Alberta.

The office staff helped the clients with the following inquiries: work permit extension, visitor and entry visa for family members, sponsorship processes (mostly family/spousal/parental sponsorship), renewal of Permanent Resident Cards, applying for Canadian Citizenship, providing general information about immigration regulations and possible ways to immigrate to Canada.

### **Community:**

Community services included assistance with: child tax benefits applications, applying for senior benefits – Canadian Pension Plan, Old Age Security Pension, Provincial Senior Benefits, City Property Tax, housing for seniors, Commissioner for Oaths service (invitations for a visit, certification of signatures and true copies, declarations), translation and interpretation services, Employment Insurance applications, information on Alberta Labour Standard and complain process, information on family issues (sickness, divorce, child custody, social assistance, etc). Provincial social workers were aware about our agency and they contacted the office if there was a need for community support.

This past summer, a Community Emergency Relief Account was established to provide assistance for our clients' food and medical prescription needs. In addition, through working with UCC-APC, we supported Food Bank drives for rural communities.

### **Pomich Ukraini :**

The "Food Banks" in Ukraine (Blahodiynе Kharchuvannia) is the project that has been conducted by the UCSS National Office in cooperation with UCSS Branches and Social Service of Ukraine. In 2019 our Branch donated \$3000 to the project.

The office staff worked with volunteers (bingo, building maintenance, distributing fundraising envelopes). Our volunteers were mostly those, who retired from their professional life and were willing to help the community.

2019-20 UCSS Report



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# Ukrainian Canadian Congress Alberta Provincial Council

## Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada - Edmonton Eparchy



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Rev. Janko Herbut

### **Branch Report and Affiliates:**

The UCWLC, Edmonton Eparchy, has 18 branches: 7 in Edmonton, 2 in Calgary, 1 in Red Deer and 8 in rural locations with a total membership of 667 plus 6 Honorary Life Members. We are affiliated with the Ukrainian Catholic Council – Edmonton Eparchy, UCC-APC, the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations, the World Federation of Ukrainian Women's Council and the National UCWLC Executive.

### **Eparchial Meeting Report:**

Eparchial Executive meetings, which Branch Presidents are encouraged to attend are held monthly except for December, July and August. Communication with the branches is done through emails, newsletters, telephone, conferences and conventions. Unfortunately, our Biennial Conference for 2019 had to be cancelled because of COVID-19.

### **Projects:**

- The Future of the UCWLC Museum Committee continues to search for a suitable location for the Museum
- Purchasing items for the Museum
- Christmas Art Project involving children from parishes and bi-lingual programs
- Call to Holiness – information will be sent out to Branch Presidents so that their members can be involved

### **Charitable Report:**

The Edmonton Eparchial UCWLC supports many charities. A few of them are – Food Bank, donation for flood victims in Ukraine, Holy Spirit Seminary, four Sadochoks, Ukrainian Catholic Social Services, St. Michael's Extended Care, Bridge of Hope, Marian Centre, Sheptytsky Institute, and Edmonton Prolife.

### **Goals:**

This term, our focus is on our Museum – build or find a suitable location. Another goal is to continue to build bridges between members, branches and the Eparchial UCWLC.

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## Ukrainian Resource and Development Centre (URDC), MacEwan University

The Ukrainian Resource and Development Centre (URDC), an endowed Centre at MacEwan University, stays true to its legacy of being engaged with the Ukrainian Canadian community as well as identifying, carries out, and contributing to educational and cultural projects that connect the University with its partners in Canada and Ukraine.

Main initiatives in 2019 include the three education abroad opportunities that took students from three Faculties to Ukraine. The Global Health Perspectives course, offered via the Faculty of Nursing, is part of the reciprocal exchange with the Ternopil National Medical University. The Sociology Field School students investigated the issues of youth at risk in Canada and Ukraine – they spent two weeks in Lviv, visiting government and community organizations and working with students and faculty from the Ukrainian Catholic University.

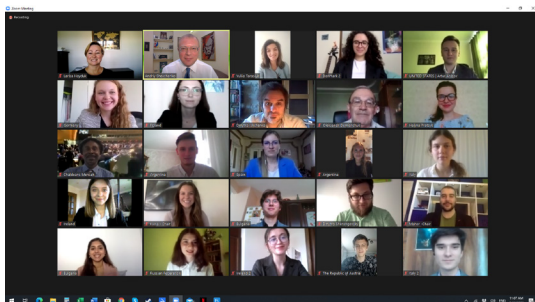
The Community Service-Learning course provided transformative opportunities for students who worked, along other North American and Ukrainian volunteers, in the summer camp for disadvantaged children in Vorokhta, Western Ukraine. Also, Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with the Lviv National Music Academy that will open doors for innovative initiatives in the area of music in the upcoming years. Another major project initiated this year is the Canada Ukraine Model United Nations, which brings together young people from the National University Kyiv Mohyla Academy, Ukrainian Catholic University and MacEwan.

Students participated in several international video conferences, face-to-face training in Kyiv, online trainings, and will jointly participate in the National Model United Nations conferences – UN simulations – in Erfurt, Germany in November 2019 and New York, USA in March 2020. This will be the first representation by a Ukrainian delegation at the National Model United Nations international conference for Ukraine.



**Director:**

Larisa Hayduk



Ambassador  
Shevchenko call



Model UN on ASASUS



Lviv Music Academy professors with  
Dean of Fine Arts, MacEwan

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## Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada Alberta Provincial Executive



### **Board of Directors:**

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Vivian Skakun

#### **UMC- Alberta Branch:**

Dr. Elaine Harasymiw

#### **UMC - Calgary Collection:**

Zennovia Haydey

### **Highlights of UWAC-APE**

Due to the restrictions of the Covid-19 Pandemic, the UWAC-APE has been inactive. The Executive remains the same. Branches of the Alberta Provincial Executive are largely shut down for the time being.

Our on-going annual events were cancelled due to provincial health protocols.

So . . . . no making borsch for the Ukrainian Pavilion at the Edmonton Heritage Festival in August, no UOCC Bishop's Tea, no participation in Holodomor commemorations at City Hall and the collection of funds for the SOKAL Award Project sent to Sokal, Ukraine in support of youth in Ukraine is on hold. We pray for a better year to come and extend our wishes for good health and safety to all members of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Alberta Provincial Council.

Betty Corlett, Acting Chair



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## Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood Of Canada

### Братство Українців Католиків Канади Відділ Альберти (Едмонтонської Єпархії)

Our aims, our goals and our commitment have not changed:

- Working with each parish priest as "his right hand."
- Supporting programs of Catholic Faith's values & principles.
- Developing, enriching & strengthening the religious & spiritual life in the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church.
- Preserving, developing & continuing our Ukrainian culture.

At the UCBC 39th Bi-annual Convention 2019 Edmonton Eparchy, which took place October 17-20, 2019, President (Stepan Balukh) was elected. Because of circumstances, he was unable to proceed with the position. I was appointed (by a motion that was carried) by the UCBC Alberta Branch Executive-Board at the monthly meeting on February 13, 2020.

Total paid membership for the moment is 76. There are plans in process to expand our membership.

With the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Executive-Board meetings had to be put on hold. Updates are emailed out to the Executive-Board members. The Executive has had on-line meetings to discuss agenda items and make decisions.

A UCBC Alberta Branch Facebook page (UCBC AB) – a private group for the moment – was created.

We began a promotional advertisement campaign to inform the public about our history, who is the Brotherhood and what are their aims. These adverts have been communicated through The New Pathway Ukrainian News and Kontakt Alberta.

A new program that was established is the processing of UCBC archives at the Bohdan Medwidski Ukrainian Folklore Archives (BMUFA) at the University of Alberta – Kule Folklore Centre. An on-line Brotherhood

archival database is to be established.

The Brotherhood was able to financially assist various organisations and fundraising events. Some that have been financially assisted (not in any specific order of amounts provided):

- Ivano Franko School of Ukrainian Studies
- Ridna Shkola St. George
- Ukrainian Catholic Edmonton Eparchy
- UCC – Alberta Provincial Council
- St. Matthew's and St. Martin's Sadochok
- Sherwood Park Ukrainian Bilingual Program
- Sister Servants Mary Immaculate of Mundare and Edmonton
- Bohdan Medwidski Ukrainian Folklore Foundation (BMUFF)
- Alberta Ukrainian Media Association (AUMA)
- Camp Oselia, St. Basils and Acolyte
- Ukrainian Professional & Business Association of Edmonton
- Youville Home Covenant Health
- Canadian Society of Ukrainians of Former Yugoslavia
- Canada Ukraine Foundation: Holodomor Bus & Ukraine Flood Relief 2020



UCBC AB's casino event has been scheduled for December 12 (Sat.) & 13 (Sun.), 2020, and we do need volunteers.



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